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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY GOM DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING DECEMBER 19-21 VISIT TO MALTA BY COL. QADHAFI WAS AS FOLLOWS:

"VISIT TO MALTA BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC

"ON THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA, SIR ANTHONY MAMO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, COLONEL MUAMMAR GADDAFI, ACCOMPANIED BY A DELEGATION, VISITED MALTA BETWEEN THE 19TH AND 21ST DECEMBER, 1974(5-7 THI HIJA 1394).

"DURING HIS VISIT PRESIDENT GADDAFI VISITED VARIOUS PLACES OF INTEREST ON THE ISLAND AND HAD TALKS WITH MR. DOM MINTOFF, THE PRIME MINISTER, ON INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL ISSUES.

"THE TWO LEADERS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE FRIENDLINESS AND CORDIALITY WHICH CHARACTERISED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND AGREED TO STRENGTHEN EVEN FURTHER THE
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ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM.

"IN PARTICULAR THEY AGREED TO ESTABLISH A JOINT HOLDING COMPANY TO PROMOTE THE SETTING UP OF PROJECTS IN MALTA AND IN LIBYA. THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC ALSO AGREED TO INVEST IN INDUSTRIAL AND TOURISTIC PROJECTS IN MALTA WITH THE OBJECT OF HELPING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISLAND.

"THE TWO LEADERS, RECALLING THE COMMON HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, AGREED TO MAKE AVAILABLE THEIR EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL FACILITIES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF BOTH PEOPLES AND FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER.

"THE VISIT OF COL. GADDAFI PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MALTESE PEOPLE TO SHOW THEIR ADMIRATION FOR THE 1ST SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION AND ITS LEADER AND THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO THEM BY THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC.

"IN THE LIGHT OF THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT BY PRESIDENT GADDAFI, THE TWO LEADERS AGREED TO EXCHANGE FURTHER VISITS AND TO PROMOTE MORE FREQUENT CONTACTS AT ALL LEVELS." SMITH

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